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Monthly Report for October 1959.

1. Status of Projects:

30.2743 -- Comparability of Consumer Goods Output in the US and the USSR - Drafting complete. Publication delayed pending a response to our recommendation that the project should be unclassified.

30.2843 -- Capital Investment in the Producer's Equipment Industry of Communist China - In St/P.

30.294 -- The Determination of Cost and Price in Soviet Machine Building - Typing now completed. Report is in good shape and will be submitted to D/I shortly.

30.1930 -- Problems in Soviet Machine Building - In St/PR.

30.1935 -- Investment in Light Industry in Communist China - In St/P.

30.2405 -- Communist China Trade in Machinery and Equipment - Draft report has been revised following branch review and is ready for final typing.

30.486 -- Industrial Development Policy in West Germany - Revision completed except for some additions to methodology. Bull's prolonged illness prevented this report from being submitted in October. Typing is proceeding on the finished sections of the report.

30.2374 -- Light Industry in the USSR, 1950-65 - Work proceeding satisfactorily.

30.2375 -- Evidence of Soviet Bloc Integration in the Production of Capital Equipment - It is hoped to have the substantive branch review completed by the end of this month and to have the project typed and submitted to the Division by the middle of December.

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2. Status of Support Projects:

3D-2232 -- Hungarian MIS - Still continues to go smoothly. Construction subsection has not yet been received, although it is promised to us the middle of next week.

3. Changes in Estimates:

None

4. Relationships with Other Components:

Nothing to report.

5. Future Plans:

Within a few weeks the branch will not only have gotten out from under the backlog of old projects but also be reasonably up-to-date in our fiscal 1960 research program. I intend to have the branch devote a short, but concentrated period of time in reviewing 1) existing reading and collection requirements, 2) our own internal branch procedures 3) our liaison with FED and other CIA components and 4) the remainder of our FY '60 program and to initiate planning for FY '61. The branch has concentrated so much on specific project deadlines in recent months that I feel there is a need to re-emphasize some basic research and administrative procedures at this time.

6. Other:

Nothing to comment.

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